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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Part B for June 1943.

SUBJECT.

War Services Exhibition.

A.A.Krishnan.
16.6.43.

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War Services Exhibitions.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Reverse Secy to Hon'ble the Resident No 87-43/W dy 5-4-43. Forwarded copy of letters dy 23/2/43 & 17/3/43 from Govt of India, Dept. of Supply about the above subject and invites the views of Govt. re the holding of the exhibitions in Mysore.

This may perhaps be referred to D.I.G. Office for being dealt with. They had organised the exhibitions formerly.

Yes J 7/4/43

Subd. for orders

SG 7/4/43. (to D.I.G. Police)

SG 7/4.

The file of correspondence with the Secy. to Govt. of India, Supply Department, on the subject is resubmitted.

The Hon'ble the Resident desires to have the views and suggestions of the Govt. re. the holding of the War Services Exhibition, with particular reference to suitable times of year when the exhibition might be held in the State.

In response to Mr. Newham's enquiry as to the Org. Secy's personal and provisional

It is put up to Mr. Newham as he is on tour. Shall we do it on his return?

Mr 8/4/43

He is in touch with the Org. Secy.

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views, it was stated that the exhibition would be welcome in the State and in view of the large number of people who would be benefited by the exhibition and availability of the requisites for it as mentioned by him, Bangalore would be the most suitable venue. As for the time of year that suggested by the Resident, viz. between 20th May and 1st September, was not favoured, as it had been indicated by him that heavy rains would make the exhibition unworkable.

If approved, the Residency will be informed that the exhibition might be held in Bangalore at the Cubbon Park where the required space of 6 or 7 acres is available, any time before the beginning of July or after September.

MGS 9/4/43

Dewan)

MM 12/4/43

MGS 15/4/43

A draft reply to the Residency is sent up.

MGS 16.4.43. Chief Secy. W.C.)

MGS 16/4/43

MD 21/4/43

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Sl. 4. Letter No. F. 37-43/W. dated the 4th May 1943 from the Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident.

Submitted:

The Secretary to the Hon'be the Resident states that it has been decided to hold the exhibition at Bangalore for ten days from 1st June 1943. He adds that since this is a joint exhibition for the City and the C. & M. Station, it would be necessary to make all arrangements in consultation with each other. The Collector is stated to have been placed in charge of the arrangements for the C & M. Station and the Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident enquires the name of the officer whom the Govt. of Mysore propose to place in - charge of the exhibition for the City.

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5/5/43.

The proposed exhibition is a War Services Exhibition (not a National War Front Exhibition), with sections for army, navy, air force and labour, in which types of war weapons and war appliances in full fighting and working trim will be demonstrated. Since facilities of various kinds would be required by the Exhibition authorities it would be desirable to select from the City a senior officer who could provide these facilities and fully co-operate with the Collector who has been selected for the C & M. Station. I would propose therefore that the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore or the Commissioner, City Municipal Council be placed in charge of the arrangements for the exhibition.

OFFICE OF THE ... FOR EDUCATION
Date.....
No. ...

Chief Secretary, with compliments.

6/5/43.

Wan

The Deputy Com^r Bangalore or may be the Officer in-charge, on behalf of Govt.

6/5/43 Min Ed & Dewan

6/5/43

3185/W 3196/W 3156/W — War Service Enrn.

Submitted for Dy Secy's orders.

The Resy. After issue of Dy D.C. will be pleased to peruse U.O.

Sd/- [illegible] 6/5.

Sl.5. Issued Pch No. 2254 of 6.5.43 to the Resy.
" Memo No W 4230 " " D.C. Bldr

Submitted for orders of Dy D.C Bangalore forwarding copies of the correspondence.

Sd/- [illegible] 7/5/43.

Sl.6. Issued 4235/W dated 8-5-43 to the D.C. Bangalore.

Sl.7. 7-37-43/W of 8-5-43 from Secy to Resident forwarding copy of letter of 1-5-43 from Chairman War Service Committee.

Submitted for orders of Dy D.C Bangalore

Sd/- [illegible] 10/5.

Sl.8. Issued 4252/W dated 10.5.1943. to the D.C. Bangalore.

Sl.9. Letter of 11-5-43 from major Evans requesting confirmation that no part of cultivable lands may be taken over for War Service Enrn. from 06 Fs may be 20 Fs during

Submitted for orders.

In urgent remarks if any

Immediate

U.O. No. 95/W dated 12-5-43.

Sd/- 12/5.

Dep'y Com'r B'lore (Dl) 12/5/43 Asstt Secy Chief

Secy to Govt

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
NO. 3-45
12 MAY 1943
BANGALORE

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 13.5.43.
No. 607

The portion of the Cuttlers Park pointed out by the Major Munro will be placed at his disposal. The Supt. of Gardens dept - will be addressed on the subject & the Secretary Centenary Club will be initiated. Further action will also be taken to notify that the portion of the Park is closed to the public

Chief Secy) for Jemal. agd DE 13/5

Min Edn & Dewar) WD 13/5/43 The D.C. can have sent a sketch of the portion required by Major Munro JR 13/5

Please bring up at 5.30 p.m. with D.C. see me ✓ agreed

JRM 13/5/43

The public would feel greatly inconvenienced if this piece of land was given for the exhibition. The campaign launched on the portion of the Park where they had the canteen would be better from our point of view.

JRM 13/5/43

12. Letter No. C 5007/42 Nilly dated 16.5.43 from the D.C. stating that he has informed Major Munro that the war Exhibition may be held WD 17/5/43

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on the Race Course grounds.

The proposal to hold the exhibition on the Race Course grounds is in accordance with the instructions of the Dewan conveyed through the P.S.D. Sd: 1

Submitted for perusal.

Sh 17/5/43. (Min, Edn) × Dewan)

MD 17/5/43

Sh 17/5

Rm 18/5/43

MD 18/5/43

MM 18/5

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 17/5/43.
No. 225

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DEWAN'S OFFICE 17 MAY 1943 No 8578

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10 D.O. No. 6 dated 5/5/43 from D.C. Bangalore reporting
[illegible] the action taken by him

The connected file has been submitted to the Exhn. Minister
[illegible]

From the D.C's report it is seen that he has issued a no-objection closing exhibition in the area. Sites of Gardens has been addressed 75 places the area as the proposals of major events & D.C.'s has been addressed for Police help.

Submitted in continuation

5/5/43 Chief Secy

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE Date 15/5/43 No 736

The site in question has been finally selected by major Munro, after he, the Dep[y] Com[r] & the Govt. Com[r] & M St[n] inspected a few alternative sites.

Action taken by the Dep[y] Com[r] is for perusal

Min. Ed[n]
Min. Rx & L.
x Dewan

18.5.43 15/5 14/5/43

It has been seen & told

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & REVENUE 15 MAY 1943 No 9750

War Services Exhibition

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Next exhibition in the Race course ground

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

ORDERS	OFFICE NOTE
C.P. MG 20/5/43.	A letter received today from the Hon'ble the Resident enclosing copy of his letter to His Highness the Maharaja enquiring as to the Civil Services Exhibition is addressed to the Chief Secretary. The Dewan wishes that the Chief Secretary may kindly keep in touch with the Secretary to the Resident on this subject so as to get material for the speech to be made by His Highness on the occasion. The previous papers are also enclosed. B. Ramachandra Rao. 20/5/43 P.S.

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The file of papers relating to the holding of a War Services Exhibn in the Race Course Grounds and to the opening of the Exhibn on the 10th inst. by His Highness the Maharajah, is submitted for perusal.

Dewan)

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5/6/43

P.A.C.
5-6-43

UO 5/6/43

Govt Secretariat for
kindly records etc.

SD
14/6.

Submitted for perusal before recording the papers.

(RS
14/6)
Secy.

P.A.C.
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No. 4/5/43-Exh.

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Government of India,
Department of Information & Broadcasting,
Exhibition Section.

New Delhi, the 8th March, 1943.

Dear M. Mohiyaddin,

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Thank you for your letter dated 23rd February, the contents of which I have noted. I am placing this letter before the Joint Planning Committee for their considerations and you will be informed officially in the near future what the Joint Planning Committee have decided on this subject of War Services Exhibition.

Yours sincerely,

Laurie Hoff.

M.Sultan Mohiyuddin, Esq,
MA.,LL.B.,
Organising Secretary,
National War Front in Mysore,
BANGALORE

Subd. for personal. Further reference from the Pilot Officer will be awaited.

12/3/43.

15/3/43

Submitted for information

(V/)

Dewan)

18/3/43

20/3/43

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23rd Feb. 43

Dear Mr. Newham,

WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION

Referring to your D.O. letter No.F.21-S/43 of 10th February 1943 and the subsequent one of 11th February 1943, asking for my personal and provisional views in regard to the feasibility of holding the Exhibition in Mysore City, I write to inform you that the proposed Exhibition would be greatly welcome in the State. As your enquiry specifically refers to Mysore City as the venue of the exhibition, I presume that Bangalore would have the advantage of the exhibition, by separate arrangement with the authorities of the Civil and Military Station. For I personally feel that if any one place is to be selected in the State - and it would be desirable to have the exhibition at one central place - that place should be Bangalore and not

not Mysore, in view of the comparatively large number of people likely to have the benefit of the exhibition and the facility in obtaining the requisites mentioned in your earlier letter. But the time of the year namely between May 20th and September 1st would be unsuitable for both Bangalore and Mysore as that is our monsoon period, and I understand from your letter that heavy rains would make the exhibition unworkable.

Yours sincerely,

C.E. Newham, Esq.,
Officer on Special Duty,
Indian States, National War Front, Camp -
C/O C. Scott, Esq., Director of Information,
J.J. School of Art, Bombay. (To await
arrival on 28th)

Copy to: 4764-5 1 W.2.43

L. Shaffi, Esq., Pilot Officer,
Information and Broadcasting Department,
New Delhi.

Officer on Spl. Duty, Indian States, N.W.F.,
Dalziel, Simla.

No. F.21-S/43.

Indian States Branch,
National War Front,
Dalziel, Simla,
(Camp New Delhi),
the 11th February 1943.

Dear Mr. Mohiyuddin

Please refer to my D.O. No. F.21-S/43 dated February 10th. I have been asked to add that the plans are still being worked out, and that the letter was only intended to ascertain your tentative reactions and did not include a specific offer at this stage. Any official invitation will naturally come through the appropriate channels but in the meantime your personal and provisional views will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(C. E. Newham)

M. Sultan Mohiyuddin, Esquire, M.A., LL.B.,
Organising Secretary, N.W.F.,
General & Revenue Secretariat.
Old Public Offices,
Bangalore City.

BNC.

No. F. 21-S/43.

Indian States Branch,
National War Front,
Dalziel, Simla,
(Camp New Delhi),
the 10th February 1943.

Dear Mr. Mohiyuddin,

You may recall that in Madras, I mentioned our desire to develop the exhibition side of our work. A "War Services Exhibition" is now in process of formation and will go on tour after its initial show of 10 days in Delhi at the end of the month. It will open at Bombay on April 5th and Madras on May 10th.

2. Among the activities covered will be the Navy, Army and Air Force, Civil Industry in India, A.R.P., Civic Guards, Grow More Food, Blood Bank etc. etc. There will be actual exhibits in many cases and not just models.

3. The space required for the whole exhibition is 6 or 7 acres and local authorities will be expected to provide only shamianas, bricks, canvas, electric power and some labour. There will be no financial expenditure and the exhibition will be open to everyone free gratis.

4. No centres have yet been chosen for the period between May 20th and September 1st but I am asked to say that heavy rain will make the exhibition unworkable.

5. I shall be grateful if you can consider as a matter of some urgency whether you would like to have this exhibition in Mysore City for 10 days during the period mentioned in para. 4 above.

6. As I shall be on tour, would you be good enough to write direct to Pilot Officer L. Shaffi, Information & Broadcasting Department, New Delhi, who is in charge of the exhibition, with copies to the States Branch in Simla and to myself on tour (programme enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

C. E. Newham

(C. E. Newham)

To
Mohiyuddin, Esquire, M.A., LL.B.,
State Organiser, N.W.F.,
Mysore State,
Bangalore.

BNC.

Tour Programme of Mr. C.E. Newham, Officer on Special Duty (States), National War Front, Dalziel, Simla.

Leave Simla	---	Monday 8th February	(4- 0 P.M.)
Arrive Delhi	---	Tuesday 9th	(7- 0 A.M.)
Halt at Delhi 9th, 10th and 11th			
Leave Delhi	---	Friday 12th February	(8-30 A.M.)
Arrive Gwalior	---	Friday 12th "	(2-53 P.M.)
Halt at Gwalior 12th, 13th and 14th			
Leave Gwalior	---	Sunday 14th February	(3- 1 P.M.)
Arrive Bhopal	---	Sunday 14th	(10-58 P.M.)
Halt at Bhopal 15th, 16th and 17th			
Leave Bhopal	---	Wednesday 17th February	(12-56 P.M.)
Arrive Indore	---	Thursday 18th "	(6-30 P.M.)
Halt at Indore 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st			
Leave Ihdore	---	Sunday 21st February	(5-47 P.M.)
Arrive Baroda	---	Monday 22nd "	(3- 4 A.M.)
Leave Baroda	---	Tuesday 23rd "	(2- 8 A.M.)
Arrive Morvi	---	Tuesday 23rd "	(3-27 P.M.)
Halt at Morvi 23rd and 24th			
Leave Morvi	---	Wednesday 24th February	(12-26 P.M.)
Arrive Rajkot	---	Wednesday 24th "	(3-30 P.M.)
Halt in Kathiawar 25th, 26th and 27th			
Leave Kathiawar	---	Saturday 27th February	
Arrive Bombay	---	Sunday 28th "	(9-45 A.M.)
Halt at Bombay 28th Feb., 1st, 2nd and 3rd March			
Leave Bombay	---	Wednesday 3rd March	(6-10 P.M.)
Arrive Baroda	---	Thursday 4th March	(0-27 A.M.)
Halt at Baroda 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th			
Leave Baroda	---	Monday 8th March	(11-57 P.M.)
Arrive Kolhapur	---	Wednesday 10th March	(8-35 A.M.)
Halt at Kolhapur 10th, 11th and 12th			
Leave Kolhapur	---	Friday 12th March	(7- 0 P.M.)
Arrive Bombay	---	Saturday 13th March	(10-40 A.M.)
Halt at Bombay 13th, 14th and 15th March			
Leave Bombay	---	Monday 15th March	(7-55 P.M.)
Arrive Ajmer	---	Tuesday 16th "	(8-56 P.M.)
Halt at Ajmer 17th, 18th and 19th			
Leave Ajmer	---	Friday 19th March	(9-15 P.M.)
Arrive Delhi	---	Saturday 20th March	(7-35 A.M.)

N.B. :- 1. The dates of leaving Indore, Baroda and Bombay (2nd time) are liable to alteration to provide for other brief visits.

2. Programme after the 20th March 1943 will be communicated later.

P.T.O.

Addresses:-

Delhi - C/o Sir Firoz Khan Noon, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E.,
20, Akbar Road,

Gwalior - Hotel de Gwalior.

Bhopal - C/o Lt. Col. G.A. Falconer, C.I.E.,
The Residency.

Indore - State Guest House.

Kathiawar - R.W. Parkes, Esquire, I.C.S.,
The Residency, Rajkot.

Bombay - C/o C. Scott, Esquire,
Director of Information,
J.J. School of Art.

Kolhapur - C/o Lt. Col. C.G.N. Edwards,
The Residency.

Ajmer - C/o The Chief Commissioner,
Ajmer-Merwara.

ALL-INDIA NATIONAL WAR FRONT CONFERENCE HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE MADRAS, ON THE 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH JANUARY 1943.

All the British Indian Provinces, except the United provinces, Bombay and Sindh, were represented, and among the Indian States Hyderabad, Mysore, Cochin, Pudukkottai and Banganapalli. Assam and Orissa were represented by their respective Premiers. Mr. Jamnadas Mehtha represented labour and Sir Srinivas Sharma the Press. Mr. P.J. Griffiths, M.L.A., (Central), Central Organizer, National War Front, presided. The proceedings were not open to the Press.

It was expected that His Excellency the Governor of Madras, Provincial Leader, National War Front, would open the Conference, but he could not be present. Sir George Boag, Adviser to Governor, was present at one of the sittings.

Opening the proceedings, Mr. P.J. Griffiths said that the object of the conference was to pool the experiences and the activities of the various Provinces and States and to think ahead and plan for the future. He declared that the New Year Message of the National War Front was: "for if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

The conclusions reached on the subjects before the Conference are summarised below:

Subjects considered:	Summaries of conclusions reached.	Action to be taken in the State
1. The New India Planning Groups --How can they best be started!	There was general agreement that the scheme was worth trying, that the Groups must not be made identical with the National War Front, but should be financed by it and that the views of the Groups should be collected and published in a bulletin.	A circular was recently received from Simla outlining the scheme of New India Planning Groups, and it has been ordered that Dist. and City Organizers may be furnished with copies of the scheme and asked to form Study Groups. The conclusions reached at the Conference are on the lines on which action was proposed to be taken in the State. Dist. and City Organizers are being addressed in the matter.

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2. Advertising Policy - should we concentrate on press or on Pictorial Publicity?	It was generally agreed that there should be more pictorial publicity and less press publicity, and that there should not be so much large poster publicity as publicity by small leaflets. The other conclusions reached were: (1) No advertisement should be given to papers that do not support N.W.F. policy. (2) Indian traditional and legendary themes should be made use of, particularly those connected with local festivals, ~~for publicity on those connected with local festivals~~, for publicity on those occasions. (3) Pictures and specimen captions should be sent from the Centre to the Provinces and States, the letter-press being supplied in the local vernaculars by the latter. (4) Paper should not be grudged for this publicity.	We do not publish any posters, large or small, but obtaining them free from the Centre or sometimes from some of the neighbouring Provinces on payment in cases the posters are found to be particularly striking. Our publicity is mainly in the form of pamphlets and leaflets, besides the weekly Bulletin. The pictures and specimen captions when received from the Centre will be made use of by supplying vernacular letter press. No paper is grudged for N.W.F. publicity in this State and the policy of not giving advertisements to newspapers that do not support the N.W.F., is, it is believed, generally followed in the State.
3. Distribution of Pictorial Publicity - (a) Is a Commercial scheme necessary? (b) Is distribution excessive in view of the paper shortage?	There is no need for a commercial scheme. The agency of the Revenue and other Departments employed for distribution of pictorial publicity tends to cause delay. Regular and speedy distribution should be ensured and posters when put up should be protected from damage.	We have been making use not only of the N.W.F. organization for distribution of pictures and posters but also of the Department of Education and the Dist. Revenue agency, whenever the distribution is to be on a wide scale. Cases of delay in distribution have not so far come to notice, but this aspect of the matter will be particularly examined during the course of the Organizing Secretary's itineration in the State.
4. Paid Propagandists -- How far is this desirable?	The general view was in favour of paid propagandists. I described the multiple agency we had been employing for propaganda work in the State; and the appointment of paid propagandists (itinerant lecturers) as the core of our propaganda organization was greatly appreciated. Our paid agency has been continued until the end of March 1943.	
5. Supply of Propaganda material from the Centre: (a) Comments invited on new items - Industrial War	It was generally agreed that sign-posts for District Leaders should continue and that labour literature also should be continued for sometime longer. It was also	We are producing the whole of our Kannada propaganda literature and are obtaining some Tamil literature (N.W.F.Bulletin) from Pudukkottai State

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War Talks, Signposts for district leaders, etc. (b) New items also invited -- How are the arrangements for interprovincial pamphlets and leaflets working?	also agreed that each Province and State should look after itself regarding publication of vernecular material except in cases where an arrangement could be made with neighbouring Provinces for mutual exchange of materials according to languages requirements.	State and some periodical leaflets in Tamil "Murasu" free of cost from the C, & M. Station. We might make arrangements with Madras for a limited supply of Tamil labour literature for our Mills and the K.G.F. area, and for Urdu literature with United Provinces or Hyderabad.
6. What should be the main themes about Propaganda now? Should atrocity stories be used or not?	It was agreed that (1) atrocity stories should be provided only in homoeopathic doses (2) there should be sufficient stuff on the effect of Japanese rule, (3) there should be concentration on practical matters, (4) much more material of human interest should be produced, particularly that concerning the life of Indian soldiers at the Front.	These conclusions will be borne in mind and circularised to the members of the organization in charge of Publicity and Propaganda.
7. If Allied successes sooner or later justify Victory Celebrations. what form should these take?	There should be no Victory Celebrations except on an agreed signal to come from H.E. the Viceroy. Such signal would be given when victory is of a decisive nature.	This will be noted.
8. Village Defence Societies or similar organizations - what are the relations of the N.W.F. to these?	No general conclusion on this subject could be reached as practice in different Provinces and States varied. The Chairman observed that if the Provinces would send in notes to the Centre, copies of the notes would be circularised to the other provinces and States. As for the questionnof a uniform for members of the Defence Societies suggested by some Provinces, it was felt that it was a question for the Provincial Governments to decide.	Systematic action has not been taken in the State to form Village Defence Societies or Vigilance Committees, as has been done in some Provinces, such as Madras. In Madras, a physical culturist called 'Vastad' is selected in each village and paid an honorarium of Rs.5/- per mensem and 15 to 20 young men of good physique and courage are selected and trained. These young men work under the leadership of the 'Vastad' in cases of emergency and also assist the Police . The N.W.F. organization is responsible for these arrangements. This question seems to call for our early attention. It would be desirable to associate the Inspector General of Police with the N.W.F. by appointing him a member of the Central Advisory Committee.

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9. What can be done to assist in the Paper Economy Campaign?	There should be renewed campaign in the Press for paper economy and paper salvage.	
10. Grow More Food Campaign -- Can the Centre assist, or should it be left entirely to the Provinces?	It was agreed that Press should carry on the propaganda and that the Centre should supply the necessary material by way of posters, etc.	We have been carrying on mainly oral propaganda and the material, if supplied from the Centre, would be fully made use of.
11. Price Control and shortage of food and other commodities - How far is the N.W.F. able to help?	India's most vital problem at present being food, the N.W.F. could only bring pressure to bear upon Government to secure and distribute food. They could use their influence in two ways, viz. (1) by keeping Government alive to the need for food supply, (2) by pursuading hoarders to disgorge.	The Government in the State being already fully allive to the need for the adequate supply and distribution of foodstuffs, the N.W.F. should concentrate on pursuading producers, merchants and consumers to release their hoarded stock and on giving information to Government Officers as to cases of hoarding.
12. Welfare of Soldiers' Wives and families What action is required by the N.W.F.?	Very good work was reported to have beenndone in the Punjab, under the inspiration of the late Premier, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan. The Chairman asked the Provincial Organizer of the Punjab to send a note of the arrangements made in that Province for circulation to other Provincial Organizers.	It appears to be necessary to associate important members of the N.W.F. with Soldiers' Boards. The Organizing Secretary could be on the Central Board.

Nos. 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 24 - Postponed for want of time.

14. What is the State of public opinion? This may be discussed with particular reference to (a) belief in the ultimate result of the war; (b) feeling towards the British; (c) feeling towards the Nazis and the Japanese; (d) belief regarding the importance or otherwise of victory for the United Nations; (e) the attitude towards the N.W.F.	The discussion of this subject was purely confidential and the Chairman said that a detailed report of the discussions would be prepared and sent to the Provincial Organizers confidentially.

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15. Examine position about labour -- (a) What propaganda is being done with labour? (b) What more can be done? (c) What is the state of morale amongst labour?	No definite conclusions were reached. The main speech was made by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta.	
19. Lady Organizer for Bengal.	Dropped as it had reference only to Bengal.	
23. Central Training School:	There was general agreement that there should be a Central Training course to be conducted by the Centre, which would prepare the syllabus, appoint instructors and pay Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance to the propagandists to be deputed for the purpose by the several Provinces and States.	The scheme, as sketched, provided for a brief concentrated course in modern methods of public and private publicity with a background of international geography and politics etc., extending over a period of 10 to 12 days, with 50 students for each course, the whole cost being met by the Centre. We could take advantage of this course by deputing some of our itinerant lecturers and even some of the Dist. and City Organizers and members of their committees.

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No.F. 37-43/W

From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Bangalore, 5th April 1943.

War Services Exhibitions.

Sir,

I am directed to forward copies of letters from the Government of India (Department of Information and Broadcasting) No.45/23/43-A&G, dated the 23rd February and 17th March 1943, regarding the War Services Exhibitions organised by that Department.

2. The Hon'ble the Resident will be glad to have the views and suggestions of the Government of Mysore regarding the holding of an exhibition in the Mysore State, with particular reference to the observations made in paragraph 2 of the letter from the Department of Information and Broadcasting dated the 17th March 1943.

CHIEF SECRETARY. War 7. APR. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

No.45/23/42-A&G.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING.
NEW DELHI, the 23rd February '43.

From

P.N.Thapar, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretaries to all Provincial Governments
and
The Chief Commissioners,
Delhi/Ajmer-Merwara/Coorg/Baluchistan.

Sir,

I am directed to say that an exhibition Section has been formed under the control of this department with powers to organise war services exhibitions throughout India designed to achieve the following objects:-

(1) Improvement of public morale.
(2) Prestige publicity for the services, and
(3) Background propaganda for recruiting.

2. The exhibitions will be organised on the lines of those which took place last year in Bombay and Lahore under the auspices of the Directorate of Public Relations and the Directorate of Recruiting. They will not primarily be designed to show the strength of India at war but to show how the individual can benefit himself by joining one or other of the various services and to make the people service minded by emphasising always that the fighting units etc. which are on show are but samples taken from their own forces now operating on all fronts in the cause of freedom. For this purpose, there will normally be only one example of each type of war weapon and war appliance but these will be in full fighting and working trim and will be frequently demonstrated in the course of an exhibition. Each exhibition will consist of four main sections - a naval section, an army section, an air force section and a section organised by the Labour Department of the Government of India. The National War Front is also concerned and the officer-in-charge of exhibitions will seek the co-operation of the provincial government and the local military commanders in organising other features of particular local interest and designed to give local members of voluntary organisations an opportunity to demonstrate their efficiency. Local fire and Civil Defence Services, for example would be asked to take part and it is emphasised that as much importance will be laid on their adequate representation as on that of the military services. Each of the service sections involved will be in charge of an officer of the service concerned; the Labour Department Section will be in charge of an officer of the Labour Department, Government of India, and the whole unit will be in control of the officer-in-charge of exhibitions, Wing Commander L.Shoffi.

3. The direction of policy and the fixation of the programme of exhibitions will be carried out by a Joint Planning Committee composed of Mr.P.J.Griffiths, M.L.A., I.C.S.(Retd.), Publicity Adviser to the Government of India (Chairman) and representative of the G.H.Q.Branches and Civil Defence Departments concerned. Mr. James Saddler, I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India Department of Information and Broadcasting, will work as the Secretary of the Committee. It is requested that the Provincial Government/you may, in order to save delays, agree to correspond direct with Mr.P.J.Griffiths, M.L.A., I.C.S.(Retd)., Chairman, Joint Planning Committee, c/o Information and Broadcasting Department, in all matters concerning policy and programme. After the date and

location

location of an exhibition have been fixed it is proposed to allowing Commander Shaffi to communicate direct with Provincial Governments/you and with officers specially made responsible for this work by Provincial Governments/you. It is hoped that the Provincial Government/you will have no objection to this arrangement.

4. The Government of India are convinced that these exhibitions properly organised will be of the utmost benefit to the war effort as a whole and they request that Provincial Governments/you may do their/your utmost to assist the exhibition organisers while they are within their/your jurisdiction.

I have, etc.,

Sd/- * * *

Secretary to the Government of India.

No.45/23/43-A&G.

Copy forwarded to all Departments of the Government of India with the request that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to their attached and Subordinate offices to render all possible assistance to the exhibitions organisers wherever necessary. Extra copies, if required, may be obtained from the Information & Broadcasting Department.

By order, etc.,

Sd/- * * *

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of letter No.45/23/43-A&G, from P.J.Griffiths, Esq., M.L.A., I.C.S.(Retd.), Chairman, Joint Planning Committee, Department of Information & Broadcasting (Exhibition Section), New Delhi, dated the 17th March 1943.

War Services Exhibitions.

I have the honour to refer to Information and Broadcasting Department letter No.45/23/43-A&G., dated the 23rd February 1943, on the subject of War Services Exhibitions, a copy of which has been sent to you by the Political Department, and to say that I have that Department's permission to address you direct.

2. The first of the series of Exhibitions is to be held in Delhi from the 16th to 23rd March 1943, and will be followed by one in Bombay commencing from the 18th April. The Joint Planning Committee are now engaged in planning the future programme and they have asked the Provincial Governments to give, for their guidance an analysis of the times of year at which an Exhibition might be held within their jurisdiction, giving an order of preference. The Committee would be grateful if you would kindly furnish similar information in respect of States in your charge. Obviously it will not be possible for the Exhibition Section either to hold Exhibitions in all Agencies or even in those selected at the most suitable time, which would normally be the cold weather, and since the Exhibition unit must be enabled to operate throughout the year without intermission, the Committee desire that this point may be kept in mind when making your reply. In making a final decision with regard to the programme of exhibitions, due regard will be paid to your wishes, to the general morale aspect of the question and to the recruiting priorities current at the time.

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No. SE/43

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

Dated 19th April *194* 3.

FROM

F.W.A.Morris, Esq., I.C.S.,
COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

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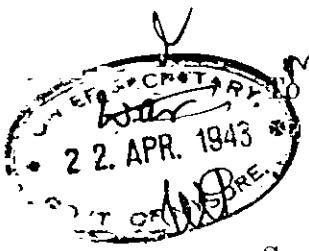

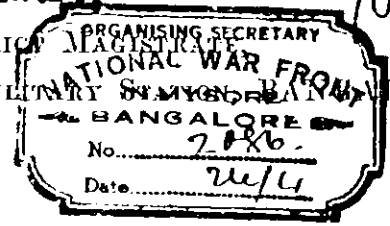

The Secretary
to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore, BANGALORE

SIR,

War Services Exhibition - Your letter No.F.37-43/W, dated 5-4-1943.

With reference to the above, please let me have details of the exhibits and demonstrations and any literature regarding the Exhibition. Please also let me know the nature and extent of accommodation required for the Exhibition and the exhibits - whether they are to be housed in a building or in a temporary structure of thattis.

I should be much obliged if you can kindly let me have an idea of the Exhibitions held at Delhi and Bombay and the experience gained therefrom.

I would suggest holding one Exhibition in common for the City and the C & M Station in consultation with the City authorities. It is also not clear who is to bear the cost of the Exhibition. I shall take up the selection of a site and other matters on receipt of the above-mentioned particulars from you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

By Order

21 APR 1943 Sd. F.W.A.MORRIS

Sheristadar. Collector and Dist. Magistrate.

Copy to the Chief Secy to the Govt of Mysore, B'lore

No. Pol 2152 W246-42-3.

Dated 24 April 1943.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

War Services Exhibition.

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With reference to your letter No. F. 37-43/W. dated the 5th April 1943 regarding the holding of a War Services Exhibition in Mysore State, I am directed to state that the proposed exhibition would be greatly welcome. ~~in the State.~~ In view of the large number of people who would be benefited by the exhibition and the availability of the facilities required, Bangalore would be the most suitable centre in the State for the exhibition which might be held in Cubbon Park. As for

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the time of the year during which the exhibition could be held, since the monsoon commences from July and continues until about the close of September, any time before the beginning of July or after September would be suitable.

I have etc.,

16/4/43

Chief Secy. 21/4/43

W 246-42-4

3156/W.

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F.37-43/W.

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 4th May *194*3.

Organizing Secy. N.W.F.

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GOVT OF MYSORE

WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION.

2139 S/S

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Pol. 2152/N.W.F. dated the 24th April 1943, and to say that it has been decided to hold the exhibition at Bangalore for 10 days from the 1st June 1943. Further particulars such as the nature and extent of accommodation required, whether any tents or furniture is needed, what personnel accompanies and what exhibits are being sent, etc. are awaited and will be communicated to you on receipt.

2. Wing Commander L.Shaffi, the officer in charge of the exhibition, and a party consisting of approximately 12 officers, two of whom will have their wives with them, are expected to arrive here about the 10th of this month and will stay for about five weeks. Major Munro, who is forming the advance party, is expected here in a day or two. Lieut. Col.Kaul, Public Relations Officer, Southern Army, has kindly agreed to do his best to provide accommodation for the officers.

3. Since this will be a joint exhibition for the City and the Civil and Military Station, it will be

necessary

necessary to make all arrangements in consultation with each other. The Collector is in charge of the arrangements as far as the Civil and Military Station is concerned, and I am to request that the name of the officer whom the Government of Mysore propose to place in charge of the exhibition may kindly be communicated to this Residency, as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT..... War Evacuees Contributions

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Section War

File No. 246-42

Serial No. 5

Diary No. of letter replied to..... 3156 - W.

No. Pol 2257

To The Secy to the Govt of India Revenue Dept

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *194* .

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No 7-37-43/W dt 6-5-43 on the above subject, I am directed to state that Government propose to instruct the D C Mianwali to collect the Rs 3 crores in charge of the Govt on behalf of this Govt.

I have etc.

for Secy to Govt

Date of issue... 6. 5. 43.

Signed by..... Mr. S.K.V. Iyer

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

WD 04161—GPB—60,000—24-10-41

Memo No W 4230. 6.5.43.

Daily to the D.C. Bancroft

Jr mpr.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. Pol. 2257 *Bangalore, Dated,*

6th May 1943.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

War Services Exhibition.

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With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.F.37-43/W. dated the 4th May 1943 on the above subject, I am directed to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, will be placed in charge of the Exhibition on behalf of this Government.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

(Sd) V.Vedavyasachārya,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. W 4230.
Dated, Bangalore, 6th May 1943.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, for information. The connected papers are sent herewith.

By Order,

For Chief Secretary to Government

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Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT..... War Services Exhibition .....

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Section War

File No. 246-42

Serial No. 6.

3156

Diary No. of letter replied to ~~Home 15-5-43~~

No. 4235/W dated 8-5-43

To

The D. C Bangalore

General and Revenue Secretariat

( )

the *194* .

Date of issue..... 8/5/43 .....

Signed by Mr. S.K.V .....

Sir,

In continuation of this office memo No W. 4230 of 6-5-43 on the above subject, I am directed to forward for information and necessary action copies of the ~~reply~~ letters noted below.

I have etc

for Chief Secy.

1. Letter no 45/R 3/43 dated 23-2-43 and 17-3-43 from the Govt of India (Dept of Supply and Shipping)

2. Letter no Pol 2-152 dated 24-4-43 from the Chief Secy to the Govt of India forwarding a copy of the Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 17th March 1943 recommending the grant of a Commission in the Indian Army to Shri Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Member, Executive Council, Madras.

List of enclosures.....

3. Letter no A-37-43/A1 dated 14-5-43 from the Secy to Govt of India forwarding a copy of the Resolution passed by the Madras Legislative Council on the 11th March 1943 recommending the grant of a Commission in the Indian Army to Shri Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Member, Executive Council, Madras.

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

W 246-42-7. 3/85 W

for Bangalore in the second week of May, their Bombay address is as follows:-

C/o Provincial Headquarters,
Boy Scouts Association,
Esplanade Maidan (North), Dhobi Talo,
Bombay.
Telegraphic Address: care Proscout.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. x x x x x
for Chairman, Exhibition Executive Committee.

/ C o p y /

OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
Bangalore 8th May 1943.

No.F.37-43/W.

Copy forwarded to

the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore,

for information.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

CHIEF SECRETARY 10. MAY 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE

No.45/17/43-A&G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING.
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New Delhi, the 1st May, 1943.

From

P.J. Griffiths, Esquire, M.L.A., I.C.S., (Retd),
Chairman, Exhibition Executive Committee.

To

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Subject:- War Services Exhibition.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter No.45/23/43-A&G., dated the 17th March, 1943, and to say that it has been decided by the Exhibitions Executive Committee (till lately called the Joint Planning Committee) that the third Exhibition of the series should be held in Bangalore from about the 6th June, 1943, and it is hoped that this will meet with your approval and that of the State authorities. In making this decision, the Committee have been actuated principally by current recruiting priorities. It is regretted that, owing to circumstances beyond the Committee's control, a longer notice than this could not be given, but they would be most grateful if you would kindly exercise your good offices to arrange that the Exhibition Unit are rendered the utmost assistance possible.

2. In pursuance of the terms of the Information & Broadcasting Department letter No.45/23/43-A&G., dated the 23rd February, 1943, sent to you by the Political Department, if the proposed date is approved correspondence on all questions of detail may now be conducted direct between Wing Commander L.Shaffi, Officer in Charge of Exhibitions. and the officer delegated in this behalf by you. If there be no objection, it would faciliate matters if the Officer in Charge of Exhibitions could also correspond on this subject direct with an officer nominated by the State. The Exhibition Unit propose to leave Bombay

for

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Bangalore, Dated, 10th May 1943.

No. 4252/W 246-42-8.

From *The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore.

Sir,

War Services Exhibition.

In continuation of this office letter No.4235/W. dated the 8th May 1943, on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith for your information, copy of letter No.45/17/43-A&G. dated the 1st May 1943, since received from the Residency.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of letter No.45/17/43-A&G. dated the 1st May 1943, from the Chairman, Exhibition Executive Committee, New Delhi, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

War Services Exhibition.

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C/O Provincial Headquarters,
Boy Scouts Association,
Esplanade Maidan (North), Dhobi Talo, Bombay.
Telegraphic address: care Proscout.

D.O. No. W246-42-9.

MAJOR MUNRO,
C/o TECHNICAL RECRUITING OFFICE.
Southern Area.
C/o No. 11 Advance H.Q. Base P.O.
11-5-43.

SUBJECT:- WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION.

Dear Mr. Acharya

Would you please confirm that a part of Cubbon Park referred to in my conversation with you some days ago may be taken over by the War Services Exhibition from the 16th of May until the 20th of June.

I would like to thank you for the cooperation you have given me in this matter.

Yours

To:

V.Vedavyas Acharya Esq. M.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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MR. ABDUL AZIZ KHAN, B.A.,
[redacted], B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

IMMEDIATE.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.

Dated ....13th..May..... *194* 3.

No. C. 5007/Mily/42-43.

War

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

Major C.A.Munro called on me this afternoon to discuss the arrangements required to be made in connection with the holding of War Services Exhibition in Bangalore City between the 6th June 1943 and 20th June 1943. As already decided, the portion of the Cubbon Park specified in the enclosed copy of the Notification has been fixed as the place most suitable for holding the exhibition. I have, accordingly, issued a Notification for [redacted] closing the portion of the Cubbon Park Ground for all traffic between the 17th May 1943 and 20th June 1943. Copies of this notification have been sent to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, and all Editors of local Newspapers for publication.

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2. The Superintendent, Government Gardens, has been requested to make immediate arrangements for placing the area at the disposal of Major C.A. Munro for the purpose and to intimate the fact of having done so to me.

3. The Inspector General of Police has been addressed to place 100 Police men from the Reserves with necessary number of Officers at the disposal of the City Superintendent of Police, for guarding the area, and keeping order, regulating the traffic. It was agreed that 30 Police men would do from 17-5-43 to 6-6-43 and 70 more men would be required from 6-6-43 to 17-6-43 and that only 30 men would do from 17-6-43 to 20-6-43. These details have been furnished to the Inspector General of Police. I had sent for the City Superintendent of Police also when Major Munro was here and [redacted] gave him personal instructions as to what all was necessary to be done.

4. The Secretary, Century Club, has been apprised of the closure of the portion of the Cubbon Park with intimation that it will not be available for use by members of the Club between 17-5-43 and 20-6-43.

5. Major Munro wanted some accommodation for taking Lunch

or rest by the members of the Exhibition Staff. I have asked the Superintendent of Police to arrange for it in the Y.M.C.A. buildings which is close to the Exhibition Grounds.

Yours sincerely,

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V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, ESQ., B.A.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

J1.C.1098/42-43.

Office of the District Magistrate,
Bangalore District,
Dated, Bangalore, the 13th May 1943.

Notification.

Under Section 36 (1) (a) of the Mysore Police Act, it is hereby notified for the information of the public that the portion of the Cubbon Park bounded on the north by the road leading from Sampangi Tank bund road to the Fairy Fountain. EAST:- Sydney Road; WEST:- Road leading from Seshadri Memorial Hall to the Briand Circle are closed for all traffic from 17th May 1943 to 20th June 1943 in connection with the War Services Exhibition.

(sd) A.A.Khan

District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

Memo.

1) Copy is forwarded with compliments to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette for publication.

2) Copy to the Inspector- General of Police with compliments.

3) " City Superintendent of Police, Bangalore.

4) Copy to Major C.A.Munro, War Services Exhibition C/O Technical Recruiting Office, Agaram.

5) Copy to the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, with compliments.

6) Copy to the Secretary, the Century Club, Bangalore.

For District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

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Mr. ABDUL AZIZ KHAN, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

W246-42-11. DISTRICT OFFICES, 3256 W
BANGALORE,
Dated 16th May 1943.

D. O. C.5003/7-42 Mily

Dear Sir,

I write to inform you that the plot of land in Cubbon Park area selected by you is not available. You may therefore make arrangements for holding Exhibition in the Sampingi Tank Bed area on both sides of the roadas shown to you in person yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

Sd.A.A. Khan,

CHIEF SECRETARY. WAR 17. MAY 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Major Hardinro,
War Services Exhibition,
c/o Technical Recruiting Office,
Agara Camp.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore for information.

A.A.Khan

Deputy Commissioner &
District Magistrate,
Bangalore.

Mr. ABDUL AZIZ KHAN, B.A.
Deputy Commissioner.

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DISTRICT OFFICES,
BANGALORE,

Dated 16th May 194[illegible].

D. O. C.5007/42 Mily

Dear Major Munro,

War. Secret 17/5/43.

In modification of my D.O.letter of this morning fixing Sampangi Tank Bed area for locating the Exhibition, I write to say that the Race-Course grounds have since been fixed for the purpose in consultation with the Chief Secretary to Government. You may therefore go ahead with further arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Sd.A.A.Khan,

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore for information in confirmation of our conversation over the phone just now.

A.A.Khan

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

W 246-42-13.

No. Cdt 596
Enc. one

Bangalore,
17th May 1943.

My dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty,

In continuation of my conversation with you on the telephone ~~last~~ to night, I enclose herewith copy of a letter just received from the Resident.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) N. Madhava Rau.

Amatya Siromani
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

D.O. No. F.37-43/W.

The Residency,

BANGALORE.

17th May 1943.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

I have been thinking about the opening of the All-India War Exhibition which should be ready by June 6th. I would like to write to His Highness and ask him to be good enough to open the Exhibition but wanted to consult you first. This is, of course, no ordinary Exhibition and on a very different scale to the Defence train. While in Bombay it was seen by over one million people and was a tremendous success. It has only been shown in Delhi besides Bombay. It would be the making of the Exhibition if His Highness consented to open it, it would draw very big crowds and put a "cachet" on it like nothing else would. It would demonstrate to those who have organised this All-India Exhibition His Highness' interest in it and in my opinion would be immensely appreciated by everyone.

I am very keen therefore on this suggestion and would be glad of your views.

I might mention that the primary object is not recruiting, it is demonstration, it is to show to the people the arms their sons are being equipped with to put a "finis" to the war and it also goes out of its way to show people the various trades the men now in military service will be fit to take up in peace.

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) D. de M. S. FRASER.

Pradhana Siromani
N. Madhava Rau, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

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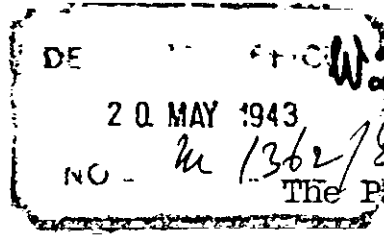

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The Palace,

Mysore, 18th May 1943.

No.PH 345/42-43.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

With reference to your letter No.C.H.596 dated the 17th instant, enclosing copy of letter No.F.37-43/W dated the 17th May 1943, from the Resident, I am desired to state that His Highness will be glad to open the All-India War Exhibition proposed to be held by June 6th. The 6th of June or a subsequent date will suit His Highness.

Yours sincerely,

P. Narasimha Chetty

Secretary

W.P.

20/5/43

To

The Dewan Pradhanasiromani
N.Madhava Rau, Esq.,C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary for information
B.O.

Secretary to H.H.

Copy to P.S.D.

W.P. 20/5/43 Copy to Narasimha Chetty
P.S.D.

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1708

19th May 1943.

My dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty.

I write to acknowledge with thanks your letter No.PH.345/42-43 dated the 18th May 1943 intimating that His Highness will be glad to open the All-India War Exhibition to be held on the 6th of June or a subsequent date.

Yours sincerely,
Sd. N. Madhava Rau

Amatya Siromani
T. Thumboo Chetty Esq., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

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D.O.
No. F. 37-43
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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.
19th May 1943.

Dear Mr Madhava Rao

I send you as I suggested a copy of the letter I have just written to His Highness the Maharaja asking him to be good enough to open the War Exhibition.

Yours sincerely

Pradhanasiromani
Mr. N. Madhava Rau, C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Ladhao

D.O.No.F.37-43/W.

The Residency,
Bangalore,
19th May 1943.

My dear Maharaja Sahib

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/. D.M. Fraser.

His Highness Maharaja
Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur,
Maharaja of Mysore.

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No. P.H. 345/42-43.

The Palace,

MYSORE.

21st May 1943.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

The Resident mentioned to me over the 'phone that owing to wet weather in Bangalore it would give more time for the organizers of the All-India War Exhibition if it is held on the 10th June instead of on the 6th June and asked me to ascertain His Highness's convenience. I have informed the Resident that the 10th June would suit His Highness very well. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Anantaraman.

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) T. THUMBOO CHETTY.

Pradhanasiromani
N. Madhava Rau, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore, BANGALORE.

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The Palace,

Mysore,

No.P.H.345/42-43/2. 23rd May 1943.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

I am desired to send herewith for your perusal copies of the letter from the Hon'ble the Resident and His Highness's reply, regarding the opening of the All-India War Exhibition next month.

Yours sincerely,

Shamrao Chelly

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Pradhanasiromani
N.Madhava Rau, Esq.,C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary in continuation of our papers already sent.

S.O.
S. Ramaswamy Aiyangar

D.O.No.F.37-43/W.

The Residency,
Bangalore,
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Yours very sincerely,

Sd/- D.de M.S.Fraser.

His Highness
Maharaja Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar,
Maharaja of Mysore.

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The Palace,
Mysore,
22nd May 1943.

My dear Colonel Fraser,

Many thanks for your letter. It is very good of you to ask me to open the All-India War Exhibition to be held in Bangalore and I greatly appreciate your courtesy. I shall be very glad to open it on the 10th June or any date thereafter convenient to the organizers.

Yours very sincerely,

Sd. Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar.

The Hon'ble Lt.-Colonel
D.De M.S.Fraser, C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore,
The Residency, Bangalore.

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THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

26 MAY 1943
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25th May 1943.

No. PH. 345/42-43.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

Owing to your indisposition I feel that I should not have troubled you to draft His Highness's speech to be delivered on the occasion of the opening of the All-India War Exhibition. I am preparing a draft with the aid of materials I got in "Indian Information" and it is almost ready. In a day or two I shall send on the draft to you for concurrence or for making such suggestions for alteration as you may deem necessary.

Yours sincerely,

K. Venkatachelly

CA.

Pradhanasiromani
N. Madhava Rau, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Carlton House, Bangalore.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary in Court matters for the papers already sent.
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6 Annexures

W 246-42-20.

The Palace,

Mysore,

No.P.H.345/42-43/Encls. 31st May 1943.

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

Wing Commander Shaffi who is here, gave me sixty invitation cards for inviting ladies and gentlemen of Bangalore City to the War Services Exhibition which will be opened by His Highness on the 10th June. I shall speak to you over the 'phone tomorrow as regards the list to be prepared. The management is putting up a shamiana which will seat 120 people. They have allotted sixty chairs for the invitees in the C & M Station and sixty for those in the City.

Yours sincerely,

N. Narasimhaiah

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your D. O. letter No.P.H.345 dated the 31st May 1943 forwarding sixty invitation cards for the Opening Ceremony of the Bangalore War Service Exhibition by His Highness the Maharaja on June 10, 1943, I am desired to enclose for your information a list of invitees to whom invitations have been sent. The list has been approved by the Dewan as well as by the Dewan-in-Charge.

Four blank invitation cards are also herein enclosed for favour of being issued to four A.D.C's of His Highness the Maharaja.

Yours sincerely,

WD 6/6/43

Amatya Siromani
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esqr., B.A., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Submitted:

The authorities of the War Services Exhibition have intimated that at the opening ceremony of the Exhibition on the 10th June, 60 seats will be made available in the shamiana for our officers and non-official gentlemen from Bangalore City. The Chief Secretary has prepared a list of invitees to the function and wishes it to be submitted to the Dewan for his kind perusal.

As suggested by the P.S. to H.H., 4 seats are proposed to be reserved for the A.D.C's to His Highness. The Minister for Revenue and Law has seen and approved of the list.

5/6/43.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary

6/6/43

WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION.

List of Invitees.

OFFICERS:

1 - 2. Pradhana Siromani Mr. and Mrs N. Madhava Rau.

3 - 4. Amatya Siromani Mr. and Mrs T. Thumboo Chetty.

5 - 6. Diwan Bahadur Mr. and Mrs P. Venkataramana Rao Nayudu.

7 - 8. Rajamantrapravina Mr. and Mrs K. V. Anantaraman.

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11 - 12. Mr. and Mrs H. B. Gundappa Gowda.

13 - 14. Mr. and Mrs M. A. Sreenivasan.

15 - 16. Mr. and Mrs J. Appaji Gowda.

17. Mr. D. H. Chandrasekhariah.

18 - 19. Colonel and Mrs M. D. Vigors.

20 - 21. Siddiq-ul-Mulk Mr. Sadeg Z. Shah and Begum Shah.

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25. A.D.C^S.

26. Adl-ul-Mulk Mr. A. Abdul Ghani.

27. Rajadharmapraasakta Mr. A. R. Nageswara Iyer.

28. Rajadharmapraasakta Mr. T. Singaravelu Mudaliar.

29. Mr. S. Venkataranga Iyengar.

30. Mr. C. Subrahmanya Aiyar.

31. Mr. E. G. McAlpine.

32. Mr. V. Vedavysacharya.

33. Mr. M. Seshadri.

34. Mr. Abdul Aziz Khan.

35. Mr. R. P. Mallappa.

36. Mr. M. Sultan Mohiyuddin.

37. Mr. S. Narayana Rao.

38. Dr. V. V. Monteiro.

39. Dr. (Miss) M. C. Albuquerque.

40. Dr. P. Parthasarathi.

41. Mr. M. Navaneetham Naidu.

42. Mr. P. Suryanarayana Setti.

43. Mr. J. B. Mallaradhya.

44. Mr. C. Narasinha Moorty.

NON-OFFICIALS:

45. Rajadharmapravina Diwan Bahadur P. Mahadevayya.

46. Khan Bahadur Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.

47. Rajacharitavisharadha Rao Sahib C. Hayavadana Rao.

48. Qhaid-ul-Mulk /Mr. Gulam Ahmed Kalami.

49. Mr. B. A. Abdur Rahmon.

50. Mr. V. K. Govindarajulu.

51. Dr. T.C.M. Royan.

52. Major Y.V.K. Moorthy.

53. Mr. Mirza Azizulla Beig.

54. Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.

55. Mr. S. L. Venkaji Rao of Messrs Lokkur & Co.

56. Rajasevasakta Mr. N. Rama Rao.

57. Rao Bahadur Mr. M. Ramaswamy.

58. Mr. F. C. Devaraj Urs.

59. Rao Bahadur Mr. N. S. Nanjundiah.

60 Mr A. R. Bennur

W246-42-22. 9th June, 3

Dear Sir,

I am desired to enclose for favour of information, an advance printed copy of the speech to be delivered by His Highness the Maharaja on the occasion of the opening of the War Services Exhibition at 4 P.M., to-morrow the 10th June 1943.

This has reference to the telephone conversation you had with Siddiq-ul-Mulk Mr. Sadeq Z Shah.

With regards and esteem.

Yours sincerely

WG
9/6/43

The Hon'ble
Lieut.-Col.D.de M.S.Fraser,C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore.

No. 4/9/43

Government of India,
Department of Information & Broadcasting,
Exhibition Section,
City Y.M.C.A., Cenotaph Road,
Bangalore City, the 6th June, 1943.

Subject: War Services Exhibition -
Special Invitation.

Sir,

We shall feel grateful if you would be so good as to furnish us with a list of guests to whom the sixty special invitation cards have been sent by you on our behalf. We require this list for record purposes.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A.R. Sethi

Secretary,
Dewan Mysore State,
MYSORE.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary. The list has been sent thro' P.O. 9/6/43.

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W246-42-24

The Palace,
Bangalore.
9th June 1943.

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

With reference to our conversation, I am sending herewith copy of the programme of the opening day at the War Services Exhibition.

Yours sincerely,

For perusal.
Dewan)

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Ministers)

PROGRAMME OF OPENING DAY AT THE WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION

BANGALORE, 10TH JUNE 1943.

3.45 P.M. Specially invited guests arrive. (All officers of the Exhibition Section Staff will be present at the special shamiana and see that only guests with tickets enter the shamiana).

4.30 P.M. His Highness arrives in State. (The Band of the Sappers and Minters will play the Mysore National Anthem).

His Highness alights from the carriage on the right side. His Highness will be received by the Dewan, the Army Commander, the District Commander, the Sub. Area Commander and the Officer in charge of the Exhibition.

The Hon'ble the Resident will arrive with His Highness.

The above mentioned officers are introduced to His Highness by Colonel Fraser.

4.35 P.M. His Highness inspects the Guard of Honour by the company of Sappers and Miners.

4.40 P.M. His Highness is escorted over to the shamiana by the Officer in charge of the Exhibition and introduced to the Officers of the Exhibition Staff who are lined up outside the shamiana.

His Highness takes his seat on the dais. The visitors sit down.

His Highness stands to make the opening address. The visitors stand. His Highness will ask guests to be seated.

4.50 P.M. His Highness is escorted out of the shamiana by the Officer in charge of the Exhibition. The officers who were introduced to His Highness will form part of His Highness's party. Mr. Bhandari and Major Munro will go round with this party. The remaining officers who are not on their exhibits will look after the remaining guests.

4.55 P.M. His Highness commences tour of exhibits and introduced by the Officer in charge of the Exhibition to the officers in charge of sections who have not already been introduced.

6.00 P.M. His Highness is conducted to the site of the displays, that is, the musical ride, the tank battle etc. His Highness's car is waiting nearby. He will sit in his car and watch the displays.

7.00 P.M. His Highness leaves. The Band of the Sappers and Miners will play the Mysore National Anthem.

His Highness's speech will be broadcast by the Mysore Radio Station with the running commentary of the Opening Ceremony. Mysore Radio Station should be asked to give a Kanarese translation of His Highness's speech after the running commentary is finished.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

Submitted for kind information.

As instructed by the Chief Secretary, I phoned to C.B. but Mr. Sundaram had left the Office yr Seetharam Rao said the civil list cards are with Mr. Sundaram and action will be taken to issue the civil list of Sir Albion Banerji (crossed out) immediately

8/6/43

C.B.
(may be kept in the concerned file if you wish)

10/6/43

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

Dewans Secretariat

Sir Albion Banerji telephoned the Dewan enquiring if an invitation to the Banquet for Lawson Exhibition has been issued to him. The Dewan desires that the Chief Secretary may kindly communicate the information to him about this. His telephone number is 2677.

8/6/43.

No invitation has been issued to Sir A. Banerjee. As there is no objection for the mere invitation being issued, if considered suitable & necessary, it will be issued to him.

Dewan) 8/6/43

Dewan's order

Sir Albion Banerji may be invited

8/6/43.

1. Pradhana Siromani Mr.N.Madhava Rau.

2. Mrs. N. Madhava Rau.

3. Amatya Siromani Mr.T.Thumboo Chetty.

4. Mrs. Thumboo Chetty.

5. Rajamantradhurina Sir A.R.Banerji.

6. Diwan Bahadur Mr.P. Venkataramana Rao Nayudu.

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34 ~~32~~. Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya.

35 ~~33~~. Mr. M. Seshadri.

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~~2 (a) Rajamantradhurina Sir A.R.Banerji.~~

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THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

7th June 1943.

No. PH. 345/42-43.

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the list of invitees to the Opening Ceremony of the Bangalore War Services Exhibition, sent with your D.O. letter No. 5286/C.B., dated the 6th instant.

The four blank invitation cards sent will be issued to the Officers on the Staff of His Highness who will be going to Bangalore on duty.

Yours sincerely,

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

A P.O. W246-42-26. 31/36 W.

THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

8th June 1943.

SECRET.

No.P.H.345/42-43.

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

I am sending herewith a sealed packet containing 950 copies of His Highness's speech to be delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the All India War Services Exhibition at Bangalore on the 10th instant. I shall be obliged if arrangements are made for the distribution of the copies to the invitees and the public soon after the delivery of the speech by His Highness. Required number of copies may also be given to the Publicity Officer so that he may arrange to send them to the newspapers.

Yours sincerely,

N. Narasimha Chetty

9th June 43

Dear Mr. Bhandari,

I am sending herewith, some advance copies of His Highness's Speech to be delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the All-India War Services Exhibition at Bangalore on the 10th instant. I shall be obliged if arrangements are made for the distribution of the copies to the invitees and the public soon after (can not before) the delivery of the speech by His Highness. Local and outside newspapers have been supplied with copies of the speech in advance.

Yours sincerely,

GV

Bhandari, Esq.,
Publicity Officer,
War Services Exhibition,
Y. M. C. A., BANGALORE.

not to be published before 5 P.M. on 10th June 1943

SPEECH

OF

HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

DELIVERED ON THE

OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE ALL-INDIA WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION AT BANGALORE

10th June, 1943

MYSORE
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10th June, 1943.

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It is needless for me to enlarge upon the objects with which this exhibition is being held, for it is a display that will explain itself as you go round. For the first time in Bangalore you will see, assembled together, the various types of armaments with which the fighting forces of the United Nations and the brave sons of India who are employed in the Naval, Military and Air Forces, are equipped. You will be shown specimens of anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, tanks, armoured vehicles, air planes, and models of warships and submarines, with which this relentless war against Axis tyranny and oppression is being waged. You will also be shown specimens of

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captured German, Italian and Japanese equipment. There will also be exhibits depicting the humanitarian activities of the Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association. You will, in short, be given an idea of what this world-conflict implies which might help each and every one of you to realize the imminent need for playing your own part in bringing it to a speedy and victorious conclusion.

And how, you may ask, can we civilians help in this gigantic task? While there can be no nobler form of service than that rendered by members of the fighting forces who are ready to lay down their lives in defence of their country, there are, nevertheless, numerous other ways in which you can contribute to the War Effort. The supply and quick replenishment of vast quantities of armaments such as those you will see here, implies ceaseless work in munition and aircraft factories, and ship-building yards, and the thousands of people engaged therein are doing their bit towards the War Effort. Workers in industrial concerns employed in the manufacture of clothing for the army, silk for parachute fabric, chemicals, medicines, tinned provisions and the like, are all contributing their share. Men and women in essential services such as the A.R.P. and the Civic Guard, farmers and cultivators who are doing their best to grow more food to make the surplus available for the army, philanthropists who help in organizing relief for refugees, and women who spend their spare time in providing amenities for the troops, also play a considerable part in the War Effort. It is needless for me to multiply these instances, for the exhibition will suggest to you various other ways in which you can help in the good cause.

I have been greatly impressed by the widespread desire of the people of Mysore to do all in their power to promote the War Effort. They have made money contributions according to their means. Ever since the outbreak of the war the State Industrial concerns have been working day and night in the production of war materials. The fact that the total value of the orders placed with them so far amounts to nearly Rs. 6½ crores will give you an idea of the industrial activity in the State, which perforce makes us seriously to reflect on post-war industrial problems. Meanwhile let me exhort you not to slacken your War Effort. I say this feeling confident that my appeal will not have been made in vain.

Apart from these tangible contributions to the War Effort, there are numerous other ways in which we can strengthen the Home Front and bring Victory nearer. The most important of these is to cultivate the Will to Victory. A spirit of cheerful optimism, and readiness to put up with the numerous little sacrifices and inconveniences occasioned by the War, namely the soaring prices, scarcity and consequent rationing of foodstuffs and necessaries, lack of the little luxuries we have been accustomed to, shortage of petrol and discomforts of travel, will very much help us in building up the Will to Victory.

Last month marked the glorious conclusion of the North African campaign, a victory which has destroyed for ever the myth of Nazi and Fascist invincibility. The fighting forces of the United Nations dealt a staggering blow to Hitler's "Afrika Korps" and hauled down the flag of Mussolini's erstwhile African Empire. While rightly rejoicing over the success of this campaign in which our

gallant Indian Troops played such a magnificent part, let us not rest on our oars and lapse into a state of inertia. This dazzling victory is but a prelude to further triumphant achievements both in the Eastern and Western theatres of War. This Victory should act as an incentive to more strenuous efforts and to greater sacrifices on our part. At this momentous period of war it is up to us faithfully to discharge our individual responsibilities as true patriots.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I undertook to perform the opening ceremony. I thank the gentlemen who have organized this show most warmly for the kind welcome they have extended to me. I now declare the exhibition open.

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~~PROVISIONAL~~ AGENDA FOR THE MADRAS CONFERENCE.

1. The New India Planning Groups -- How can they best be started?

2. Advertising Policy -- Should we concentrate on press or on Pictorial Publicity?

3. Distribution of Pictorial Publicity -- (a) Is a commercial scheme necessary? (b) Is distribution excessive in view of the paper shortage?

4. Paid Propagandists -- How far is this desirable?

5. Supply of Propaganda material from the Centre -- (a) Comments invited on new items -- Industrial War Talks, Sign-posts for district leaders, etc., (b) New items also invited -- How are the arrangements for inter-Provincial pamphlets and leaflets working?

6. What should be the main themes about Propaganda now? Should atrocity stories be used or not?

7. If Allied successes sooner or later justify Victory celebrations, what form should these take?

8. Village Defence Societies or similar organisations -- What are the relations of the National War Front to these?

9. What can be done to assist in the Paper Economy Campaign?

10. Grow More Food Campaign -- Can the Centre assist, or should it be left entirely to the Provinces?

11. Price Control and shortage of food and other commodities -- How far is the National War Front able to help?

12 Welfare of Soldiers' wives and families -- What action is required by the National War Front?

13 In what other ways can the National War Front act as the Protector of the general public?

14 What is the state of Public opinion? This may be discussed with particular reference to (a) belief in the ultimate result of the war; (b) feeling towards the British; (c) feeling towards the Nazis and the Japanese; (d) belief regarding the importance or otherwise of victory for the United Nations; (e) the attitude towards the National War Front.

15 Examine position about labour -- (a) What propaganda is being done with labour? (b) What more can be done? (c) What is the state of morale amongst labour?

16 What is the position with reference to Students' Organisations? What progress has been possible in schools and colleges?

17 Song and dramatic Publicity -- How far has it been organised?

18 War in Pictures -- Is the distribution effective or not?

~~19 Lady Organiser for Bengal.~~

20. Work amongst Ladies -- How it should be organised?

21. National War Front and Standardised Cloth.

22. National War Front as a clearing house for public grievances.

23. Central Training School.

24. Is it possible to create an Establishment or Information Bureau in each Province for the Civil Population? ~~- say for example on the following lines:-~~ from an Army Paper quoted below:-

"A locked Enquiry Box is hung or placed in the local Bania's shop or canteen, and the men are invited to post enquiries regarding any world, Indian or Military subject on which they require information. The box is opened weekly by the Bn. I.O., who writes out the question in a book, leaving a column for the O.C's remarks. The men, including followers, are then collected informally in a nearby nalla, shaped like an amphitheatre. The "Brains Trust" which consists of the C.O., the Adjt., the Bn. I.O. and the Subedar Major then replies to the questions which are read out, an officer being nominated by the C.O. to reply. The questions are many and varied. Typical examples are:- "Why are we attacking the factories of our old friends the French?", or more personal, "Why have I not been made a Lance Naik after passing the P.T. course?" - which the reply "Because you haven't got a Third Class Education Certificate", drew loud applause! The men appeared to be both interested and entertained. Officers under Urdu instruction are later to be nominated to reply to the simpler questions."

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Dear Madhava Rau,

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff of the War Services Exhibition and myself of thanking His Highness and yourself and in fact the whole of the Mysore State for the enthusiastic reception and unstinted co-operation which we have received every where during our stay. In this connection I should like to mention, especially the Police who have relieved us of a great deal of work, worry and anxiety.

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I think that there is no doubt that the Exhibition has been a great success...

.... Thanks to this co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

L. Linlithgow.

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Bangalore City, the 22nd June 1943

My dear Mr. Ramaswamy

I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to you for the very valuable assistance that I got from you and your staff in organising the Labour Section of the Bangalore War Services Exhibition. Your college played a magnificent part and richly deserve to be congratulated for the success of the Labour Section.

I was particularly impressed by the ability initiative and cheerful co-operation of Prof. S. Mathuswami. In spite of his very heavy duties in the college he could always contribute bright ideas and spare ~~time~~ time for my work. I honestly do not know what I would have done without his help.

Could you very kindly convey my thanks to all the people in your college that helped me? I am leaving Bangalore with very happy memories of your great Institute.

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24 JUNE 1943

Yours sincerely,

H. K. Gore

Dr. H. K. Gore.
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12th July 1943.

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My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

I am desired to send herewith for your perusal copy of letter dated the 28th June 1943, from the Hon'ble Sir Sultan Ahmed, Member of Council, Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, to His Highness the Maharaja, received through the Residency, conveying his thanks to His Highness on behalf of the Government of India for kindly opening the All-India War Services Exhibition on the 10th June 1943 at Bangalore.

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Yours sincerely,

14 JUL 1943

Pradhanasiromani
N.Madhava Rau, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

The Retreat,
Simla, the 28th June 1943.

My dear Maharaja Saheb,

I am grateful to Your Highness for your kind letter of the 11th June and also a copy of Your Highness's speech that you delivered at the opening ceremony of the Exhibition. It was a great gratification to me to hear from Your Highness that the Exhibition was a success. I have heard from other quarters also that it was an unqualified success. I am also told - though indeed it was hardly necessary to tell me this - that what contributed more than anything else to its success was the fact that Your Highness was gracious enough to open the Exhibition yourself and that the Organisers throughout received unstinted co-operation from your Government. Please permit me to express to Your Highness, on behalf of the Government of India, my most sincere thanks for what Your Highness yourself and the officers of your Government did to ensure the success of the Exhibition.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- S. Sultan Ahmed.

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